# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3058
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PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES .
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a proposal to compensate States that protect their natural resources is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF S THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY & SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to compensate the States that protect natural resources. However, during the course of hearing of IA 424 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/95 in the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India, the Amicus Curiae had suggested for imposing a cess on imported wood and wood products and distribute the funds so collected amongst the forest rich states as an incentive/compensation.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : No decision on the proposal mooted by the Amicus Curiae is so far mooted by the Hon`ble Supreme Court.